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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

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41. An intraluminal stent configured for receiving a stent cover, comprising an expandable tubular body which has first and second ends, a first ring section at the first end, a second ring section at the second end and at least one intermediate ring section disposed between the first and the second ring sections and at least one supporting connector between two adjacent ring sections configured to secure a stent cover to the stent.

42. The intraluminal stent of claim 41 wherein at least one end ring has undulations.

43. The intraluminal stent of claim 42 wherein the support connector is an elongated member extending between an undulation of one ring section to an undulation of an adjacent ring section.

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